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28th Ordinary Sunday – 12th October 2025
COME AND INVITE YOUR FAMILIES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4

(Response): **The LORD** has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Thanksgiving

Today we come to give
thanks to God and to
offer sacrifice to him for
having made known to us
his salvation and
cleansed us from our
sins.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11th: 6 pm (SJ): For the wellbeing of Stanislav

Sun 12th: 9 am (SJ): RIP of Margaret Griffin FM

11 am (CC): RIP of Mary & Ronald Stroud FM

Mon 13th: 9:30 am (CC): **NO MASS** RIP of Patrick Gerard Matthew Burke FM

Tue 14th: RIP of Tom and Mary Connelly FM

Weds 15th: 7 pm (CC): RIP of Grainne Cuffe

Thurs 16th: 9:30 am (SJ): RIP of Kate Ivy Croughan FM

Fri 17th: 9:30 am(CC): RIP of Michael Colhoun FM

Mass intentions can be offered by filling the mass intention envelopes at the back of the church and put in the offertory basket or can be handed to the priest or secretary.



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Sunday Reflection

THEME: GRATITUDE

Pain can send people away from God, or it can bring them close to him. Suffering is a necessary ingredient in building up a mature Christian person. There are truths which only sorrow can teach. The value of suffering lies not in the pain of it, but in what the sufferer makes of it. It can purify one's soul and transform one's character.

Naaman, at one stage in his life, was on the crest of a wave. He held a prestigious position, serving as the commander-in-chief of the mighty Syrian army. He was highly regarded by his king. He had all the trappings of worldly success, wealth, power, and fame. He had no need of God. Religion played no part in his life. This is typical of some successful people today who seem to have no place for God in their lives.

However, when he was at the height of his power, he contracted the dreaded disease of leprosy. All of a sudden, his world began to disintegrate. One minute he was on top of the world, the next minute he was falling into the abyss. Desperate for a cure, he swallowed his pride and sought help from the prophet Elisha in Israel, the little country he had plundered and despised. However, what he was looking for was a 'quick fix' so that he could go back and resume his old life exactly as before. But he soon discovered that there was no such thing as a 'quick fix'; there was no quick and painless cure. So, he had to learn to be humble and patient. He had to learn to take orders for a change. However, it proved well worth his while, as not only was he cured of his leprosy, but he was also converted. He found the true God. So, in the end, he had reason to give thanks for his leprosy, because through it he received the gift of faith.

In the Gospel passage, one wonders what the nine lepers derived from their terrible experience. Since they didn't thank God, it is unlikely that they derived any spiritual benefit from the experience. It seems strange that the one who came back to give thanks was an outsider, a Samaritan. It was an astonishing and deeply moving gesture of gratitude. It was obvious that the Samaritan learned from his painful experience. He was a completely changed person afterwards, as a result of his cure. The other nine were cured in body only, but Naaman and the Samaritan were healed physically and spiritually.

Brothers and Sisters, most of the time, we are better at demanding gratitude than at giving it. This indicates how selfish much of our giving can be. If anyone finds his brother ungrateful, it is not the other person's happiness he is seeking, but his own. Jesus demanded gratitude, but not for himself. What he said was, "Has no one come back to give praise to God except this foreigner?" From this, it's clear

that he wasn't thinking of himself. He was thinking of the lepers. It is a good and necessary thing for the recipient of a favour to be able to show gratitude. We need to express our thanks. It's suitable for us in the first place, for it forces us to acknowledge the debt we owe to others. And of course, it's appropriate for the other person, for it makes him/her feel appreciated. The person who does not give thanks for little things or favours does not give thanks for much. Hence, the importance of being grateful for and appreciating the small favours done and services rendered every day.

As for expressing gratitude to God: God doesn't need our thanks, but we need to thank God. It reminds us that everything we have is owed to Him. It's easy to be grateful to God for the good things that happen to us. But we must try to be grateful for all of our lives; the bad as well as the good, the sorrows and the joys, the failures and successes. This is no easy task. We can truly call ourselves grateful people only when we can say thanks for everything that has brought us to this moment. This kind of gratitude enables us to reclaim our whole past and to see it as the concrete way in which God has led us to this moment.

When we look back over our lives, we see that the things that hurt us and the things which helped us cannot be separated from each other. We must strive to see the guiding hand of a loving God in all that has brought us to our current situation.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S We are hoping to arrange a children's nativity as part of our Carol Service on Christmas eve from 5.15 pm. If you have children who would like to take part by dressing up to create a nativity scene between carols (no speaking required), please see Gail Edwards or Julie Beadsworth at 9 am Mass at St. Joseph's by Sunday, 12 October. All costumes will be provided.

NEW APPROACH TO GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM

We have come to realise that some parents do not understand the difference between a Godparent and a witness for baptism. This has led to situations where none Catholics have stood as Godparents for their children. As a clarification, a witness at baptism can be anyone from any denomination or one without a religion. But a Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and one who is able to receive the sacraments. In this light, we would be introducing a form that parents who want their children to be baptised must send to the Godparents so that their Parish priest can fill and sign to testify that they are practicing Catholics and regular in their sacramental lives.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 05/10/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £113.74, Envelopes £15.25 and CAFOD £2.92

Contactless Collection: General £27 & CAFOD £20

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £106.80, Envelopes £15, Candles £10.66, Coffee £6, Mass Stipend £10, Home Missions £5, CAFOD £75.02, Easter Offering £10 and New Heating £30

Contactless Collection: General £30, Votive Candles £10 & New Heating £10

Online Donation: General £44 & New Heating £25

STANDING ORDERS SEPTEMBER £1,832

FINANCIAL APPEAL: We need your financial help to run our parish all the time and now more than ever before. You can help towards the repairs by either using our account name,

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph, sort code is 30-93-04 and account number 00884996 or the online giving page for the parish at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/Portsmouth-corpus-Christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for July & August was £221.19. Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets and you can now use the contactless payment machine/QR code in both churches to donate to Bamenda.

MISSIO—WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday 19th of October 2025, Missio invites us to unite in prayer and generosity with missionaries sharing Christ's love around the world. Here is the link to the GAYL donations page: [GAYL Missio - World Mission Sunday 2025](#)

MASS COUNT: It is the time of year when for the next 4 weekends we are asked to complete our Parish Mass counts. The counting starts couple of weeks ago and continues every Saturday & Sunday until and including Sunday 12th October.

DONA CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE:



CHURCH COLLECTION

Please remember you can make your donations to the church via the DONA machine in the porch or by scanning the QR code. This is an easy way of accessing the payment method, rather than queueing at the machine. Just point your phone's camera at the QR code and then follow the instructions. on your phone.

DAILY MASSES

ST. JOSEPH: Adoration at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am in English on Thursdays. On Saturdays 5 pm adoration followed by 6 pm mass and 9 am mass on Sundays.

Adoration: 11 am - 1:30 pm Monday to Friday (Most days with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration).

Holy Hour: 7pm - 8pm Monday to Friday (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers (in Latin), Rosary and Benediction.

LATIN MASS COMMUNITY: 7am daily and 11:15 am on Sundays at St Joseph.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Adoration at 8.30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am on Mondays and Fridays and adoration at 6 pm on Wednesdays followed by Mass at 7 pm to allow workers to have a chance to attend weekday masses. On Sundays at 11 am.

CHURCH TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS DAILY:

Corpus Christi: 9 am – 11 am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

CONFESSIONS

ST. JOSEPH: 8:30 am on Thursdays and Sundays and 5 pm on Saturdays

CORPUS CHRISTI: 6 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 am on Mondays and Fridays.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025

- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** This is now Saturday 25 October 2025 in St Joseph main Hall at 11 am.
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Next 13 sessions already going on online. Two of our members will be baptise at the end of the month.

READERS DAY AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH: This will be on Saturday 25th of October 2025 from 9:30 am till noon. This is to hone our skills in proclaiming the word of God. This is open not just to our regular readers, but also to anyone who would like to volunteer for this service to God.

St. Joseph's Hall: St. Joseph's Hall is available to hire by contacting The Hall Manager via the Parish Office. There are regular events such as Slimming World (Wednesdays & Friday mornings, Yoga (Mondays), etc. See banners for times outside the hall on the railings. Or we have children's parties at the weekend. Last week we welcomed the Portsmouth Hindu Society. It was a wonderful two-day celebration and the hall was most beautifully decorated. You can see pictures on the St. Joseph's Facebook page - *St Joseph's Church, Baffins*.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS



COME AND JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON,
BINGO AS YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED IT BEFORE

15TH NOVEMBER 2025
ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL
3.15PM TO 5.15PM
£5.00 INC. BINGO TICKETS
(PAYMENT ON ARRIVAL)

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS
OR BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES

VOTE OF THANKS: We want to thank all our parishioners who are joined us in our pilgrimage to Bournemouth last weekend. It was a wonderful day indeed.

WINTERSHALL THE NATIVITY JOURNEY: Experience the story. Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. This will be on the 18th till 21st of December 2025 in Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LR. Please let Fr Emmanuel, Angela or Jenny know if you are interested.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: We are appealing for volunteers at Corpus Christi and St. Joseph's as catechists for children's liturgy, welcomers, choristers, tea/coffee, cleaners, etc. Please, if you can help, contact the parish priest or Joy Cagape CC or Angela Waldren SJ in the first instance.

NO MASS: There will be **NO MASSES** on Monday 13th of October 2025 as Fr Emmanuel is away for a retreat. Mass will resume on Wednesday.

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY: Saint Faustina, formerly Helena Kowalska was born in a village near Lodz, Poland in 1905. She was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She died at the age of 33 years. She was Canonized by Saint John Paul II. Starting soon, every Wednesday and Friday at 3 pm we will be praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at Corpus Christi Church. We are inviting the parents and carers of children at Corpus Christi School to join us. This will be finished in time to collect children. All Parishioners are also invited to join in.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:

Karen Gardner, Sonia Hopwood, Catherine Fuggle, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaword, David Grant, Nicky Waldren, Janet Lentieul, Helen White, Dawn Hurst, Eileen & Joe McGannon, Vanessa Sharman, Debbie Gray, Jenny Pearce, Colin Card, Angie Sharma, Aileen Mary Sullivan, Lolo Kelly, Leonard Donegan, Tom & Joan Maguire, Ellen MacKay, John Clarke, Maureen Floyd, Philip Lush, Margaret & Brian Boland, Jim Cuffe, Giuseppe Mascia, Kamila Rogoz, Terry Walmsley, Pretty Mukuhlane, Clare Hill, Frances & Ron Little, Anna Pagano, Margaret New, Sean New, Leo Howes and Tallieu family. Please send names of sick & housebound parishioners so that we can add them to this list.

IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS AND NOW WISH THESE PEOPLE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST, PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.

BARBARA RICE-DUNLEA: Barbara's funeral service will take place on Friday 24th of October 2025 at 12 noon at Park Place in Wickham. At 11:15 am, she will pass by Corpus Christi Church before stopping outside her house in Gladys Avenue. Let us all pray for the repose of her soul.

JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING OUTCOME

The ongoing parish activities during this jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope are as follows. First Friday adoration to be done in our parish churches after masses from 10am to 6pm. Parishioners encouraged to sign up for adoration time slots.

1. Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope bookmark will be said after every mass throughout the jubilee year.
2. Jubilee "faith in action" plan. We are all encouraged to put into practice our corporal works of mercy; to feed the hungry, visit the sick, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, etc.
3. Closing of the jubilee year in Advent 2025.

MARRIAGE BANNES: Second Call: Cajehan Eguah wants to marry Michelle Olere at Corpus Christi Church on Friday 7th of November 2025. We should pray for them and if anyone knows why they can't be joined into holy matrimony, please let me know.

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